

Events Spread Message About Booster Seat Law

On July 1, Safe Kids Kansas and its local coalitions and chapters held 14 events across Kansas celebrating the new booster seat law, which took effect July 1. The new law requires all children ages 4 -7 who weigh less than 80 lbs. or are shorter than 4 feet 9 inches in height to be placed in a federally approved booster seat.

The law provides for a one-year warning period until July 1, 2007 for the booster seat requirement. The fine for violation is \$60 plus court costs. During the events, trained volunteers provided car seat inspections and booster seat information at check-up events. It was an opportunity for parents to get free, individualized, hands-on training in the proper installation and setup of their own seats in their own vehicles.



Left to Right: Jan Stegelman, Cindy D'Ercole, Sen. Les Donovan with Vince and Larry.

More than 600 booster seats were distributed at the events held in Meade, Manhattan, Oskaloosa, Wichita, Lawrence, Topeka, Kansas City, Marion, Belleville, Independence, Wamego, Sterling, Burlington, and Garnett. The largest event was held at Kansas Sen. Les Donovan's dealership in Wichita, where 78 seats were distributed.

"I am pleased that parents and caregivers in Kansas can now rely on Kansas law to provide them with the proper guidance on how to safely transport their children. Because of our efforts, I am confident that more Kansas children will be protected in motor vehicle crashes," says Sen. Donovan, Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee.

For more information on the new booster seat laws, go to www.kansasboosterseat.org.